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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were 1 cent lower in the Midwest; unchanged in the Northeast and West. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the East; about steady in the Midwest and generally steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair; moderate to fairly good for active ads and fast food. Supplies of all sizes ranged adequate to ample and competitively priced on heavier sizes in some instances. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/17/03-03/21/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	52.00-60.00	54.29	26
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	53.00-56.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.50	53.00-64.50	63.46	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
909	57.97-65.85	63.61
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.50	1,318
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	4,788
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,183
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	876
LEG QUARTERS	22.00	8,436
WINGS	70.50	3,322

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area were 1 cent lower than Monday's final majority prices. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional product were available with little trade interest. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to occasionally fairly good with hopes of improvement over the weekend with the upcoming warmer weather. Floor stocks were balanced. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts was light to moderate and satisfy most needs. Supplies were adequate as buyers remained cautious and selective. The market tone was about steady to barely steady on white meat and steady on the dark meat items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally no better than steady entering the weekend. Demand into all areas was seasonally light to fair, best for retail ads and fast food. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair, and supplies of all items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Offerings of whole body product 4 pounds and over were ample for current trade needs with smaller weights adequate. Buying activity fair. Retail demand was fairly good where features in progress otherwise just fair. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California – whole 79-99, whole cut-up 118-139, seasoned whole body 98-99, marinated Cornish hen 199, cornish hen 99, marinated breast fillets 549, breast steaks 349, boneless breast 179-399, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 799 and 3# 699, boneless leg meat marinated 199, boneless leg meat 59-89 and 40# case 2998, split breast 97-127, leg quarter 77-88 and 10# bag 390, marinated leg quarter 89, wing 77 and 4-5# IQF 499, thigh 47-117 and 3# IQF 399, drumstick 39-117, drumstick 3# IQF 399 and 5# bag 245, grill pack breast/leg quarter/thigh 128, fried 8 piece drumstick and thigh 399 and 16 piece 499; Northern California – boneless breast 399-499, breast fillets 329, thigh 89-99, drumstick 89-99, leg quarter 99, split breast 149; Colorado – Cornish hen 2 for 500, boneless breast tenders 3# IQF 597, boneless breast 179-399, split breast 177, drumstick 99, thigh 99; Arizona – boneless breast 199-369, boneless breast fillets 349, boneless breast tenders 199, split breast 88-299, wing 89, thigh 59-129, drumstick 88-129.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was cautious and selective entering the holiday weekend as dealers continued with closely balanced floor stocks. Offerings of all sizes were available at discounted levels, although, the 4 pound birds were often noted in the longest position. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. The balance of cuts were more than sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best with activity tempered by increased buyer interest in corn beef for the holiday Monday. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and generally slow in clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment remained barely steady to weak. Boneless skinless breasts were clearing well. Bone-in breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Leg items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	48-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.60
NO. OF BOXES	8,353
CUMULATIVE	03/10/03-03/14/03 58.09
	03/11/02-03/15/02 51.63
NO. OF BOXES	03/10/03-03/14/03 39,865
	03/11/02-03/15/02 48,305

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAR 13

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 14

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PART 1					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PART 2					MAR 14	
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE		AVG	(000)	RANGE		AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	903	135.00-235.00	136-139	139.93	853	134.00-235.00	134-139	139.15	4,435	138.89	
TENDERLOINS	138	120.00-172.00	120-125	135.16	143	120.00-172.00	120-125	134.80	713	134.12	
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	85.00-90.00	85-88	87.25	81	85.00-90.00	86-88	88.12	475	87.27	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				234	78.68	
LEGS	89	30.00-35.00	-	30.51	104	28.00-35.00	29-30	30.14	494	30.06	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	648	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.33	596	17.50-20.50	19-20	19.27	3,385	19.22	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	985	19.50-26.00	21-22	22.09	763	19.50-26.00	22-23	22.63	4,753	22.03	
WINGS (WHOLE)	101	55.00-72.00	-	65.65	281	55.00-72.00	-	69.72	685	67.42	
WINGS (CUT)	593	73.00-84.00	79-82	80.47	500	73.00-84.00	79-82	80.99	2,595	80.99	
DRUMSTICKS	69	35.00-47.00	-	36.57	TOO FEW TO REPORT				345	36.41	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				145	37.48	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				155	59.97	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR MAR 13, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR MAR 14, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.						
	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
	47.00 - 50.50		48.60			45.75 - 50.25		49.36		49.00	
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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity remained light and unaggressive as dealers continued to work on a hand-to-mouth basis. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts and wings were generally sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally slow to no better than fair entering the holiday weekend. The market tone was no better than steady. ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

MAR 13	CURRENT NEG			WTD		CURRENT NEG			WTD		MAR 14 WEEKLY	
	TRADING*			AVG**		TRADING*			AVG**		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155			151.71	426,680	150-155			149.46	483,040	149.32	2,282,930
TENDERLOINS	110-115			117.15	126,360	110-115			116.69	121,320	113.33	718,180
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79			86.70	165,760	78-79			87.02	187,200	87.13	837,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	78			82.51	82,520	78			82.81	59,320	81.56	492,440
LEGS	32-33			32.73	302,600	32-33			33.62	289,000	33.16	1,672,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21			21.35	464,014	20-21			21.11	445,334	21.14	2,242,795
DRUMSTICKS	23-24			26.82	170,660	23-24			24.84	167,370	26.79	690,770
THIGHS	22-23			32.72	52,110	22-23			33.58	53,590	33.24	247,550
B/S THIGHS	62-63			68.26	58,120	62-63			67.56	60,640	68.62	356,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67			69.69	242,120	66-67			71.84	152,590	70.88	989,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			12.29	26,400	10-12			12.16	40,120	12.11	194,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35			29.04	15,800	30-35			28.85	11,360	24.21	114,055
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50			48.97	24,120	45-50			48.67	29,560	48.62	123,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	03/14	03/13	03/12	03/11	03/12	03/11	03/07	03/05	
ALA	3,904	3,914	3,799	3,879	5.26	5.22	3,972	5.10	
ARK	4,933	5,187	4,946	5,083	5.00	5.04	4,517	5.03	
DELMARVA	2,231	2,324	2,259	2,333	5.07	5.08	2,260	5.12	
KY-LA-TN	1,911	1,901	1,915	1,953	4.93	4.98	1,962	4.98	
MISS	2,896	2,923	2,688	2,962	5.46	5.30	2,656	5.46	
NC	2,494	2,492	2,432	2,659	5.99	6.03	2,410	5.89	
TEXAS	2,450	2,463	2,412	2,359	4.93	4.96	2,293	4.99	
TOTAL	20,819	21,204	20,451	21,025	5.22	5.22	20,070	5.20	
MON-FRI	105,273(A)						102,610(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Mar 03 and 15-Mar-03 is estimated to be 31,148,000 up 3.42 percent from a week ago and down 1.0 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 30,117,000; last year 31,464,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 15-Mar-03 is estimated to be 151,195,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and down 1 percent from a year ago
(Last week 151,538,000 Last year 153,229,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-104
	ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		155-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 01-Mar-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	21,450	18,021	46,347
Avg Weight	3.63	4.46	6.22
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%

COMPARISONS

Last week	22,373	21,547	47,090
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.22
% of total /1	25%	24%	52%

Same week, yr ago /2	36,040	29,555	50,153
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.22
% of total /1	31%	26%	43%

To date/2003	204,041	184,067	381,544
To date/2002	287,192	207,367	420,025

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,538	1,465	1,255	2,720	380
AVG WT	4.94	3.22	7.89	5.37	6.68
LAST WEEK	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982	425
SAME WK YR AGO	155,103	1,634	1,319	2,953	428
AVG WT	5.21	3.82	7.62	5.52	6.53
TO-DATE/2003	1,477,466	16,248	13,415	29,663	4,167
TO-DATE/2002	1,525,923	17,894	12,785	30,679	4,325

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.4 million head or 1.8 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 11, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.40	Leghorn Hens	.45
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.40	Silkie	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 5.75ea.	Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.45 - .60	White Pigeons	3.85 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl		4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.67
5-9 LBS	.50 - .60	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.35
4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20	Bunnies	6.00 - 12.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	11.00 - 15.00ea.
7-11 LBS	1.05 - 1.20	Goats	15.00 - 20.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.75	Doves	4.00 - 7.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 6.00ea.		
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	476

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-MAR-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	140	146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-66	65-66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.30-.45, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 10-MAR-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 1	153.0	154.2	99%	5.21
8	152.2	153.8	99%	5.05
15	153.9	153.6	100%	5.15
22	149.1	153.7	97%	5.04
MARCH 1	150.2	153.4	98%	5.12
8	153.4	155.2	99%	4.94
YEAR TO DATE	1495.4	1520.7	98%	
MARCH 15		156.5		
22		155.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	03/15/03	03/08/03	% CHG	03/16/01	% CHG
Broilers	151,195	151,538*	0	153,229*	-01
Cattle	650	636	+02	651*	0
Hogs	1,904	1,907	0	1,897*	0

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged to slightly higher with steadily rising fuel cost a contributing factor. Offerings of spent hens were adequate. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were mostly steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal values ranged unchanged to considerably higher as many producers are faced with higher fuel costs and fewer local disposal opportunities. Offerings were generally adequate for the light to fairly good demand. Opinions of value on removal costs were generally steady at the current quoted majority price.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage values were too few report. Movement of spent hens to processing and disposal avenues were fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were as desired. Disposal costs were generally unchanged, however primary users were concerned over rising transportation costs.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners. Demand was in a full range with trading very limited on heavy canners. Offerings were in good balance to short with product easily clearing at most locations. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 20-25 MAJORITY 22-23 29-35 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 22-26.5 MAJORITY 24.5-25 30-37 MAJORITY 33-34

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules ranged moderate to heavy. Offerings adequate to ample.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were mostly moderate. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal to less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report sales. Interest for spent heavy fowl was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-8 (1)	4-6
So. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-8 (1)	6-8

(1) Removal Cost
 (TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE FOLLOWING WEEK

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
 (TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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